

# HARDEEVILLE PRT HAPPENINGS

Official Newsletter of the Hardeeville Parks, Recreation,  
and Tourism Department

## Hardeeville Parks, Recreation and Tourism Department brings home prestigious PARKS EXCELLENCE AWARD

The South Carolina Recreation and Parks Association awards its PARKS EXCELLENCE award every year at its annual conference to departments that exemplify Celebrating People, Parks and Programs. The City of Hardeeville was awarded the 2021 PARKS EXCELLENCE Award in the under 30K population for its brand-new state of the art 35,000 square ft. Recreation Center. On February 3rd 2022, South Carolina Recreation and Parks Association President Jim Headley will officially award to the City of Hardeeville the distinguished PARKS EXCELLENCE AWARD. Hardeeville PRT Director Jennifer Combs is pictured below receiving the award alongside Hardeeville Mayor pro tem Carolyn Kassel.



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- Kathy Talbot, Co-Chair
- Tammy Gray
- Kevin Lombard
- Landon Papay
- Terry Laseter
- Victoria Campbell

The Recreation Advisory Commission  
meets on the 2nd Monday of every  
month, 5:30 PM at City Hall.

Want to serve? Applications are online at the  
City's website. For more information, please  
email us at [recre8@hardeevillesc.gov](mailto:recre8@hardeevillesc.gov)

# Battle of the Badges 2021 - Trophy Presentation and Sponsors Appreciation

Policemen and Firefighters went head to head - Hardeeville is the real winner



## THANK YOU TO THE 2021 BATTLE OF THE BADGES SPONSORS



The Hardeeville Police and Fire Departments put on an amazing show for the community on November 16, 2021 during the annual Hardeeville Battle of the Badges. This was the 3rd annual game (2020's game was cancelled due to COVID-19) and the competition was stiff. Hardeeville Fire Department came in strong and took the champion title for the 3rd time. Hardeeville Fire Chief Steve Camp accepted the Battle of the Badges trophy on behalf of the Hardeeville Fire Department during the January 20, 2022 Hardeeville City Council.

Although the HFD was the official winner of the game, the real winners were the families of Sgt. Brown and late Cpt. Orphanoudakis as they were presented the fundraising checks. This would not have been possible without the generous contribution of our sponsors and those who attended the game and donated. Thank you!

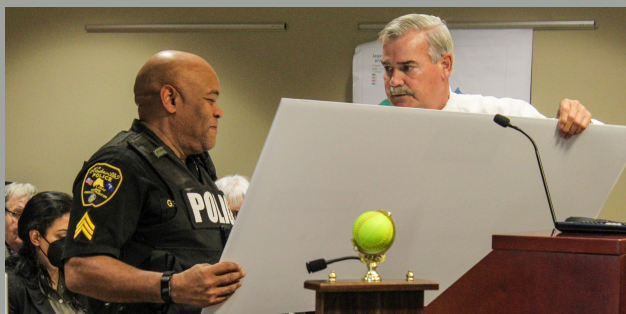
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## Battle of the Badges 2021 - Check Presentations

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The Battle of the Badges is an annual charity softball game that is played between the Hardeeville Police and Fire Departments. Every year the money raised from the game is donated to different charities. This year the money raised went to benefit two of our very own. Two checks for \$5,048 were presented to family of Capt. Andy Orphanoudakis, who passed away of COVID-19, and Sgt. Gerry Brown's daughter Rose, who is battling non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.



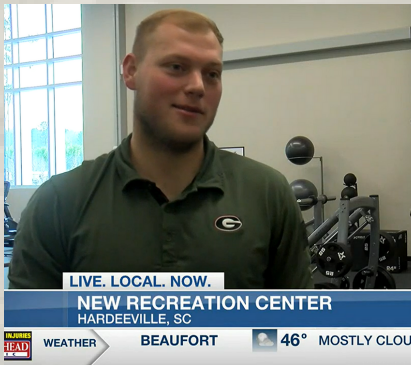
After an emotional and heart felt exchange of words, the checks were presented to the families during the January 20, 2022 Hardeeville City Council. Hardeeville Police Chief Sam Woodward presented the HPD check to Sgt. Brown. Hardeeville Fire Chief presented the HFD check to Tracy Orphanoudakis, wife of Cpt. Orphanoudakis. It is always an inspiring thing to see how our Hardeeville comes together to help and support one another.

## Meet our New PRT Team Members



**Logan Colburn -  
Hardeeville Recreation  
Center Manager**

My name is Logan Colburn and I am thrilled to be the Recreation Center Manager. I look forward to working alongside Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Department and City staff to serve our wonderful residents. I graduated from Georgia Southern University in 2016 with my Bachelor of Science in Sport Management. I am currently working to complete my Master of Science in Management from Middle Georgia State University. I am service-driven and want to give every resident the opportunity to increase their quality of life through health, wellness, and recreation. I will work to create relevant programming for our Recreation Center and work with all stakeholders to achieve our goals!



**Imelda Golden -  
Programs and Events  
Manager**

Hello Hardeeville! My name is Imelda Golden but I go by Mel. Some of you may already know me since I have been working for the City of Hardeeville for about 2 years (I was the woman with the camera). I got my start in the Media Department as the Web Content / Media Specialist. I am so excited to be the Programs and Events Manager. I am looking forward to learning all things Parks, Recreation, and Tourism. I graduated from the University of South Carolina - Beaufort (USCB) with my Bachelor of Arts in Communication. I am currently working on earning my Master of Science in Mass Media Management from Arkansas State University. I cannot wait to create and implement new and exciting programming that promotes diversity. Fun fact: My native tongue is Spanish so I am excited to help translate.



## Join the PRT Team Recreation Center Guest Specialists

The City of Hardeeville Parks, Recreation and Tourism Department is seeking to fulfill two part-time positions as Recreation Center Guest Specialist. Responsibilities include assisting to provide operational support for the new state-of-the-art Hardeeville Recreation Center through a variety of specialized tasks including, but not limited to, processing memberships and rental reservations, supervision of guests in the facility, assisting with the setup and tear down of equipment, ensuring a clean, healthy environment for all guests, and processing financial transactions. Candidate must possess the ability to assist with the implementation and supervision of varied recreational programs and activities in a fast-paced environment including the ability to work independently.

See job description found at [www.hardeevillesc.gov](http://www.hardeevillesc.gov). Pay starts at \$10-\$12 hourly.

Application can be found on the City's website under Business. Please attach a cover letter, resume with references and email to HR offices at [lpomarico@hardeevillesc.gov](mailto:lpomarico@hardeevillesc.gov) or by mail to:

**Lori Pomarico (HR Services) City of Hardeeville**  
**205 Main Street, PO Box 609**  
**Hardeeville SC 29927**

**Position closes on February 23, 2022.**

All applicants considered for employment must submit to a background check and urinalysis screening for illegal drug use prior to offer of employment. The City of Hardeeville is an EOE and E-Verify user.



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**-Lee Haney**

